GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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REWARD TO INFORMERS
DUKHA BHAGAT;MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to give award to persons who provide information about defaulters of income tax, Excise and Custom duties and those who violate `FERA`;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise number of persons who were given award in this regard during the last two years and the State-wise amount spent thereon as award?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Guidelines are in force which provide for grant of reward to informants who furnish specific information of undisclosed income, wealth, gift and estate duty. Rewards are also given to informers, if the information leads to seizure and/or detection of evasion of duty under the Custom Act and Central Excise Act. There is also a scheme to give rewards to persons who provide information about defaulters under FERA.

(c)The State/Zone-wise details of rewards givenduring 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 relating to income tax and FERA cases, are as follows:

(i) Income Tax cases:

State	No.of persons	Amount sanctioned/paid (Rs.)
Gujarat	49	22,15,600
West Bengal	68	40,87,697
Bihar & Jharkhand	12	15,61,409
Maharashtra	66	63,36,111
Goa & Karnataka	48	48,03,402
A. P.	28	16,97,881
Punjab	10	5,05,200
Kerala	26	29,53,000
M.P.& Chhattisgarh	7	2,63,895
Tamil Nadu	70	33,42,000
U.P. & Uttaranchal	17	6,02,000
Delhi	35	37,11,000
Rajasthan	42	24,25,000

(ii) FERA cases:

Zone	No. of persons	Amount Sanctioned/paid (Rs.)
Ahmedabad	5	3,64,200
Bangalore	1	1,28,000

Calcutta	3	1,75,700
Chennai	5	1,42,700
Delhi	7	33,18,620
Jalandhar	1	21,800
Mumbai	2	1,15,100